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Dear Examiner Pasterczyk:

For your convenience, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a supplemental response and a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The supplemental response and the IDS were previously filed for the above-identified patent application.

Please consider the supplemental response and the IDS on the merits before issuing the next Office Action on the merits. If any pages are missing or unreadable, please contact the undersigned attorney so that we can try to fax these pages to you again.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,



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